



30th Annual
Southeastern Recreation Research Conference
February 24th – 26th 2008
Savannah, Georgia

The Southeastern Recreation Research (SERR) Conference provides an exceptional opportunity for researchers and managers within park, recreation and amenity management systems to learn about and discuss each other's projects, research findings, and informational needs. The conference's focus is on outdoor-based leisure, recreation and tourism research. Other topics are welcome if they have a direct link to this focus. The conference setting supports both formal presentations and informal discussions in a relaxed setting. For this *Year's 30th Celebration*, Dr. Robert Manning, Director of the Parks Studies Lab from the University of Vermont will deliver the key note address – focusing on Past, Present, and Future approaches to conducting quality recreation research.

Graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, agency planners, land managers, and researchers are all encouraged to attend the conference and submit a paper proposal for presentation. Papers will be presented in a large classroom setting. Audiovisual support will be available in the form of a laptop (with a CD-ROM drive and a USB port) and projection unit, overhead projection, and slide projector. Each presenter will be given 20 minutes for presenting their paper and 5 minutes for discussion. If qualified papers exceed the time allotted for paper presentations, some authors may be asked to present their research in the form of a poster and briefing presentation.

This year's conference will be hosted at the Mulberry Inn Hotel in the historic district of Savannah, Georgia (601 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA, 31401; website at <http://www.savannahhotel.com/>). A block of 30 rooms has been reserved at the conference site on a first-reserved basis for the nights of February 24th and 25th at a rate of \$119.00/night (single and double). In order to secure a room at the \$119.00 rate, you must reserve the room (912-238-1200) by 1/25/08 and mention you are a part of SERR. In an effort to facilitate SERR's goal to foster and advance professional discussion and relationships we request that you please book your room at the Mulberry Inn Hotel.

The city of Savannah's lively downtown has great architecture, interesting museums, 200 locally owned stores, and a dozen nightspots with live music and dancing. We know that you will both enjoy the conference and your time spent in the beautiful city of Savannah.

Savannah is where you'll find amazing architecture, spooky cemeteries and rich history—along with global sophistication, funky nightlife and fabulous food. Savannah's 252-year-old history offers many opportunities to explore various eras of the city's history and the varied aspects of its culture. Take a walking tour emphasizing antiques, architecture, African-American heritage, the Civil War, cemeteries, ghosts, gardens, the best-selling book "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," Savannah in film, cooking celebrity Paula Deen or Southern writers.

The conference fee remains a bargain at \$35.00 for students, \$80.00 for professionals. We can only accept cash or checks made out to Southeastern Recreation Research (SERR) for payment of conference fees.

To view guidelines for submitting conference abstracts, see the attached Call for Papers. We are revising the SERR conference website (<http://cnr.ncsu.edu/prtm/serr/>) at this time to reflect plans and guidelines for the 30th SERR Conference.



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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Presentation Proposals: Proposals (consisting of a cover sheet and an extended abstract) for oral and poster presentations at the 2008 SERR Conference are now being sought. Papers should be of an empirical, conceptual, or theoretical nature related to the following topics:

- Outdoor Recreation & Education
- Management of Leisure Programs and Services
- Natural Environment-Based Travel and Tourism
- Natural Environment Management & Planning
- Aspects of Leisure Behavior
- Methodological Aspects of Recreation Research

Authors are encouraged to present papers focusing on completed empirical research, as well as conceptual papers on innovative models or theories, perspectives, or methods. Submissions should include a component addressing policy, planning, or management implications. As always, graduate student research will be an important part of the conference. Graduate student attendance and submissions are strongly encouraged.

Abstract Submission: Please email your proposal as two MS Word file (2000 or higher version) attachments to Conference Lead co-chair: Dr. Taylor Stein, Associate Professor, University of Florida @ tstein@ufl.edu. Your submittal should include the following in two separate files:

File 1: Cover Sheet: This should include the title, brief abstract (limit 150 words), author(s), name(s), affiliation, address, telephone number, Fax, and email address. At the bottom of the page, please indicate if you prefer to give your paper as an oral presentation, poster presentation, or no preference.

File 2: Extended Abstract: Limited to 3 pages. Your extended abstract should be sufficiently detailed to permit judgment of the paper's quality. Extended abstracts of empirical papers should include a problem statement, methods (including analysis), results, and discussion. Extended abstracts of conceptual and theoretical papers should include a problem statement and discussion with a system of organization similar to that of the empirical papers. A list of references is not required but may be added as an appendix at the author's discretion. Your proposal should be double-spaced in 12-point font with margins all one inch and appropriate subheadings. You must include a title but NOT your name. The title should be capitalized and centered (long titles broken into two lines). Any tables and figures should be clear and easy to read. Place tables and figures at the end of the abstract with reference made in the body of the proposal. You are allowed to contribute up to three pages of text in addition to the tables, figures, and/or references.

Selection: Selection of proposals for presentation will be based upon review by two or more peers of the SERR community. Authors with accepted proposals are expected to present their papers at the conference. In the case of multiple authorship, at least one author must be present. Proposals submitted are expected to meet professional standards.

Deadline: All proposals must be submitted by Friday, November 30th. Authors should receive notification of acceptance or rejection along with reviewers' comments by Friday, January 18th. A list of presenters with session titles will be available for presenters and anyone else interested by the third week of January.

Publishing: A handout containing the conference program will be distributed to the conference attendees. We will publish a *Book of Extended Abstracts* on CD-ROM, which is also planned to be distributed at the conference. In order to produce the CD-ROMs in a timely fashion with the highest quality, once authors have received notification and reviewers' comments, the deadline for submitting the *revised abstracts (both short and extended)* is Friday, February 1st.